community, is necessary for the diffusion of tension between India and Pakistan.

Funding to millitants by UK mosques

220. SHRI ABANI ROY : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned "UK mosques fund Jammu and Kashmir Militants" published in the Hindustan Times dated the 10th June, 2002;

(b) if so, whether the mosques in UK are funding to militants in Jammu and Kashmir valley;

(c) whether Government have taken up the matter with the UK Government to check such funding to militants; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the other steps Government propose to prevent such funding to militants ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH) : (a) and (b) Yes Sir. There are credible reports of continued fund raising in the UK by supporters of terrorist organizations operating in India under the garb of promoting humanitarin causes.

(c) and (d) The U.K. Government has been fully sensitized on this matter. The Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs has stated in Parliament that the "Police is investigating all credible allegations of fund raising for such groups and will take action when there is sufficient evidence to do so". Government will continue to pursue this matter at appropriate levels with the British authorities.